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NEW HAVEN POLICE SHOOTING

Today shortly after 4:00 p.m. an off duty New Haven Police officer was moving into an apartment at 904 Howard Ave in New Haven The Off-duty Officer was confronted by a male tenant of the building. A reported disagreement began between the officer and the male over the officer's dog. The male was in possession of a knife and reportedly threatened the officer who drew and discharged his service weapon severely wounding the male.

A 911 call was placed and New Haven EMS And New Haven Police Officers responded to the scene. The male was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS. New Haven Police Officers secured the crime scene.

The New Haven State's Attorney and New Haven Police Chief requested that the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad respond to the scene to conduct an investigation into this shooting.

The New Haven Officer involved in this shooting incident has been assigned to administrative duty, as is New Haven Department policy. He is a 2-year veteran of the Department. His identification is being withheld to allow him to inform family of his involvement in this shooting incident.

A post mortem examination of the deceased will take place at the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. His identification is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

###END### Sgt. J. Paul Vance